

Heartbeat

M&E Tools for Low Literacy Staff



Background to HB M&E



- Basic M&E systems without calling it M&E
- Sites report on monthly cycle (narrative reports and triplicate slips)
- HB access database created 2003 for OVC
- Discussions begin for formal M&E in mid-2005
- M&E training in 2005 and 2006
- M&E plan drafted in June 2006

HB and PEPFAR



- First PEPFAR funding received FY04/05
- New focus on service delivery count and direct and indirect targets
- Service delivery count initially completed manually through excel spreadsheets
- All data stored with individual managers, except original OVC data (access database)

HB Data Collectors



- Community-based Child Care Workers primary source of all data on children
- Community-based Community Development Facilitators primary source for most data on services
- Social Workers and support staff also collecting data on PSS and Education services

HB Data Collection Tools

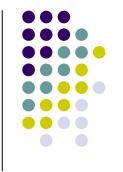


- Intake forms
- Home Visit forms
- Triplicate slips forms (food parcels, stationary packs, school uniforms, DIK)
- Support Group attendance forms
- Activity attendance forms
- NEW services summary form (database originated)
- Monthly narrative reports

M&E Tools - Challenges

- Low literacy levels for field staff
- Low appreciation of data accuracy
- = inaccurate data collection (names of OVC)
- Low technology literacy at sites
- Low access to technology at sites
- No internet connectivity at sites
- = long time periods between service delivery, data collection and data input

Responding to the Challenges



Tools for low literacy staff at sites:

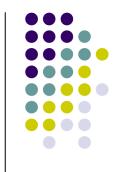
- Standardised picture-based service delivery forms
- Database generated service summary forms (important for accuracy of names)
- Standardised question and answer report formats to replace narrative reports
- Creating feedback system for sites

Anticipated Outcomes



- Data collection an integral part of reporting
- Data collection and reporting a management tool for sites as well as Head Office; not a burden
- Improved accuracy of reporting through increased appreciation of benefits

Examples:



Heartbeat Monthly Service Statistics

Site:

DATABASE GENERATED

CDF:

Month & Year:

Service:

| OVC: | Sh elt er | Util itie s | Birt h Ce rtifi cat e | ID Bo ok | Chi Id Su pp ort Gr ant | Fo st er Ca re Gr an t | Sc ho ol Fe e Ex e m pti on | Ba sic He alt h Ca re | Sp ort s | Sc ho ol Un ifo m | St ati on er y Pa ck | Cr ec he Pl ac e m en t | Fo od Pa rc el | E m er ge nc y Fu nd | Ve ge ta bl es | Hom e Visits (Num ber of =) | Other |
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| DATABASE GENERATED | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Were the CCW able to visit all the OVC this month? | No | Yes, some | Yes, all |
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| If no, what was the main obstacle? | OVC not at home | Transport | Too many OVC |

| Did you meet with schools in your community this month? | No | Yes, some | Yes, all |
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| What was your relationship like with the SGB this month? | Good | Bad | ОК |
| Accessing SFE this month was | Easy | Difficult | ОК |